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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTING ON THE BASE NEGOTIATIONS

1. THE JANUARY 27 GUNAYDIN PUBLISHED AN ANKA NEWS AGENCY REPORT THAT "MFA OFFICIALS" HAD DISCLOSED THAT "THERE IS NO QUESTION OF LEAVING US INSTALLATIONS ENTIRELY TO TURKEY OR OF DISMANTLING THEM." THE ARTICLE STATES THAT THE USG IS "SENSITIVE" ABOUT PERMITTING TURKEY TO SUPERVISE THE INTELLIGENCE GATHERING FACILITIES. HOWEVER, GUNAYDIN REPORTS THAT FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL'S FORTHCOMING TRIP TO WASHINGTON WILL "BRING CLARITY" TO THE PROBLEM AND AN AGREEMENT WILL BE REACHED.

2. HOWEVER, AYRINTILI HABER (PART OF THE GUNAYDIN CHAIN, BUT WHICH HAS BEEN CONDUCTING AN ANTI-US BASE CAMPAIGN OVER THE LAST MONTH) APPARENTLY DECIDED TO AUGMENT THE ANKA STORY BY REPORTING THAT CAGLAYANGIL "WILL GIVE THE DESIRED CONCESSIONS" TO THE US, BUT THAT THE "END RESULT WILL NOT BE IN THE INTEREST OF TURKEY". AYRINTILI HABER

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ALSO REPORTED:

(A) THE GOT WAS NOW MORE INTERESTED IN MONEY THAN IN
THE QUESTION OF CONTROL OF THE BASES, BUT "TECHNICIANS ARE
NOT HOPEFUL" THAT THE US OFFER WILL BE "PUT UNDER A GUARANTEE."

(B) EVEN THOUGH TURKEY PREFERENCES A SHORTER TERM AGREEMENT THAN
DESIRED BY THE US, TURKEY WILL NOT SAY "NO" TO A LONGER TERM
AGREEMENT.

(C) TURKISH MFA OFFICIALS SAY THE CONGRESS WILL NOT APPROVE A
DOLLARS 300 MILLION ANNUAL ASSISTANCE LEVEL; BUT GOT IS PREPARED
TO ACCEPT LESS AND "FOR THIS REASONS, TURKEY SHOULD KEEP
THE RIGHT TO CLOSE DOWN THE BASES AND SHOULD NOT GIVE
EXCESSIVE CONCESSIONS."

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